in design, development and imple- • 'iori of M sat Information System. More and more training being organised by agen- like NIC, CMC Ltd., to train the in more productive use of com puter' r MIS applications.

Release of Indian prisoners ftom Pakistani jails

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: 'he Minister of EXTEi AFFAIRS be pleased to stats:

(a) what is J he comp num- prisoners in Pa]awaiting release in exchange fo$_r$ Pak-in India as at the end. of the years 1984 and 1905; and

(fa)the reasons for delay of Indian prisoners ni jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN :NISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYA- of Indian pri- in Pakistan jail at the end of re believed to !y.

Co) Government of Pakistan seldom ; on expiry of iriod o^ their sentences. Nor has ii possible, to ascertain th • from them in regard to ive taken up this question with them repeat

Reforestation Programme

1383. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the *V* INISTER be i

(a) whether reforestation programme could be taken under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Pro- a>mme, the National Rural Employ- it Programme or Employment Gua- Schemcs in Maharashtra not onis of planting of trees but basis of survival of the trees;

(b) if so, the details of the proline; and

•lanner in which the coun-Ly to maintain its ecological nee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSA RI): (a) Social forestry plantation omes envisaged under the Hess Employment Guaran- [11] inane, National Rum] Em ployment Programme and Employ- i rantee schemes in Mahara shtra have tl Lployment *liim.* At present, plantation pro grammes under all these programmes based on the cost of plantation, E the initial investment is neces- , for a[1]! operations connected therewith, from nursery raising to plantation, A scheme based entirely on survival of trees 'may b. only hi farm forestry. However, it is imperative to have an element of in centive fo$_r$ survival, which would bc- i on intensive field monitoring. From tha long range point of view, this element would need to be built into such schemes and programmes.

) Does not arise.

(c) The ecological balance in the country can be maintained by effec tive protection and -management of good forests and by greening of wastelands and agroforestry, „ all focused on increasing the green cover in the country. The key clement? of the Action Plan drawn up for the above purpose by the National Wastelands Development Board and approved by the National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council are at attached statement